

California Questers Forming New Chapter in Sacramento & Seeks Interested Participants

Informational Meeting to be Held Saturday, June 11

At Governor's Mansion State Historic Park

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (June 6, 2011) -- California Questers invites interested participants to attend an informational meeting on Saturday, June 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park, 1526 H Street in Sacramento. With the intent of starting a Questers chapter in the Sacramento area, the meeting will highlight the organization's interest in educating members by research, the study of antiques as well as donating funds for the preservation and restoration of artifacts, memorials, historic buildings, landmarks, and educational projects.

Questers chapters work on defined projects often working with local historical society's preservation and restoration projects including preservation of lighthouses, historic homes, monuments and artifacts in museums and missions. They donate their time, raise funds and do research to accomplish these goals.

This year the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park has been the benefactor of the efforts of the California Questers. Questers representative, Claragene Rainey, works with the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park staff to identify acquisition needs. This has led to a series of projects, each of which contributes to the restoration of this state historic park and Sacramento landmark.

Projects specific to the mansion include replacing curtains, commissioning painting reproductions and acquiring the silverware to complete the set once used in the family dining room at the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park. Earlier this year, California Questers restored an Eastlake style billiard table for the mansion's third floor billiard room including a donation a matching cue rack by the restoration firm.

Questers is an international nonprofit organization, founded in 1944 by Jessie Elizabeth Bardens, headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Its major objectives are to stimulate an appreciation of antiques and to encourage the preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. With a strong desire to see that the best of American heritage preserved for future generations, Questers sponsor graduate level scholarships at Columbia University as well as a fellowship at Winterthur/University of Delaware. Questers' chapters number 800 and 13,000 members in 43 states and two provinces. In California, there are 35 chapters with more than 500 members.

Prior to the its work with the Governor's Mansion State Historic Park, California Questers restored the statue of the Pioneer Mother and its base in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. The Pioneer Mother was designed by Charles Grafly for the Pan Pacific Exposition of 1915.

For more information about the upcoming June 11 meeting, please contact Sylvia Rathbun at 408-267-3879 or visit www.calquest.org.

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